

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

Listing of Claims

1-29. (Canceled).

30. (Currently Amended) An OFDM-CDMA transmitting apparatus comprising:

a spreading section that spreads transmit symbols and makes a spreading ratio of a specific transmit symbol larger than a spreading ratio of other transmit symbols;

a number of multiplexing selection section that selects a number of multiplexing for each transmit symbol and makes a number of multiplexing for the specific transmit symbol smaller than a number of multiplexing for the other transmit symbols;

a multiplexing section that multiplexes spread signals of said each transmit symbol by the selected number of multiplexing; and

an orthogonal frequency division multiplexing section that distributes the multiplexed spread signals to a plurality of subcarriers and distributes at least one of chips of the specific transmit symbol whose number of multiplexing has been reduced and chips of the specific transmit symbol whose spreading ratio has been increased, only to subcarriers in a time domain, among subcarriers in a frequency domain, subcarriers in the frequency domain and the time domain, and the subcarriers in the time domain, without widening a frequency band.

31. (Previously Presented) The OFDM-CDMA transmitting apparatus according to claim 30, wherein data for which better channel quality is required than for other data is allocated to the specific transmit symbol whose number of multiplexing has been reduced.

32. (Previously Presented) The OFDM-CDMA transmitting apparatus according to claim 30, wherein data for which better channel quality is required than for other data is allocated to the specific transmit symbol whose spreading ratio has been increased.

33. (Previously Presented) The OFDM-CDMA transmitting apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the specific transmit symbol whose number of multiplexing has been reduced is placed at a start of a frame.

34. (Previously Presented) The OFDM-CDMA transmitting apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the specific transmit symbol whose spreading ratio has been increased is placed at a start of a frame.

35. (Previously Presented) The OFDM-CDMA transmitting apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the number of multiplexing selection section reduces a number of multiplexing of a retransmission symbol in accordance with an increase of a number of retransmissions.

36. (Previously Presented) The OFDM-CDMA transmitting apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the spreading section increases a spreading ratio of a retransmission symbol in accordance with an increase of a number of retransmissions.

37. (Previously Presented) The OFDM-CDMA transmitting apparatus according to claim 30, wherein an M-ary modulation number of the specific transmit symbol whose number of multiplexing has been reduced is made smaller than an M-ary modulation number of the other transmit symbols.

38. (Previously Presented) The OFDM-CDMA transmitting apparatus according to claim 30, wherein an M-ary modulation number of the specific transmit symbol whose spreading ratio has been increased is made smaller than an M-ary modulation number of the other transmit symbols.

39. (Previously Presented) The OFDM-CDMA transmitting apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the specific transmit symbol whose number of multiplexing has been reduced is inserted periodically.

40. (Previously Presented) The OFDM-CDMA transmitting apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the specific transmit symbol whose spreading ratio has been increased is inserted periodically.

41. (Currently Amended) The OFDM-CDMA ~~OFDM-CDMA~~ transmitting apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the number of multiplexing of the specific transmit symbol whose number of multiplexing has been reduced is made "1".

42. (Previously Presented) The OFDM-CDMA transmitting apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the spreading section makes the spreading ratio of the specific transmit symbol whose number of multiplexing has been reduced is made "1".

43. (New) The OFDM-CDMA transmitting apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the orthogonal frequency division multiplexing section distributes the specific transmit symbol, which requires better quality than the other transmit symbols, to the subcarriers in the time domain.